

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Canceled).

Claim 2 (Previously Presented): The method as claimed in claim 17, wherein the composite laminate sheet is drawn by applying the punch directly to the side of the sheet that is coated with the adhesive polymer film.

Claim 3 (Withdrawn): The method as claimed in claim 17, wherein the composite laminate sheet is drawn by applying the punch directly to the side of the sheet that is not coated with the adhesive polymer film.

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): The method as claimed in claim 17, wherein the thickness E_a of the steel sheet is less than 0.5 mm.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): The method as claimed in claim 17, wherein the total thickness E_p of the adhesive polymer film is greater than 0.2 mm.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented): The method as claimed in claim 17, wherein the total thickness E of the composite laminate steel sheet is between 0.3 and 1.2 mm.

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): The method as claimed in claim 17, wherein the polymer film is directly extruded onto the sheet.

Claim 8 (Withdrawn): The method as claimed in claim 17, wherein the polymer film is formed before being applied to the steel sheet by hot lamination or by bonding using an adhesive.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented): The method as claimed in claim 17, wherein the polymer of the adhesive film is a thermoplastic polymer.

Claim 10 (Previously Presented): The method as claimed in claim 9, wherein the thermoplastic polymer is selected from polyolefins, polyesters, polyamides, and blends thereof.

Claim 11 (Withdrawn): The method as claimed in claim 9, wherein the polymer is functionalized by grafting with a carboxylic acid or a derivative thereof.

Claim 12 (Withdrawn): The method as claimed in claim 17, wherein, before the polymer film is applied to the steel sheet, it undergoes a corona discharge or flame treatment.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): The method as claimed in claim 17, wherein the steel sheet is subjected to a prior surface treatment to improve the adhesion of the polymer film to the sheet.

Claims 14-16 (Canceled).

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): A method for fabricating a composite laminate automotive part, comprising:

coating at least one side of a steel sheet, of which a thickness E_a is less than 0.65 mm with one or more adhesive polymer films of which a total thickness E_p is equal to or greater than 0.1 mm, to form a composite laminate steel sheet having a total thickness E , according to which $E = E_a + E_p$, and

forming by initially drawing the composite laminate sheet to obtain said composite laminate automotive part, the drawing being carried out in a drawing tool comprising a punch, a die, and a blank holder, by adjusting a value of the material passage P_m between the punch and the die, so that:

$$E - 0.80 \times E_p \leq P_m < E.$$

Claim 18 (Previously Presented): The method as claimed in claim 21, wherein the sheet blank has at least one dimension greater than 600 mm.

Claim 19 (Currently Amended): The method as claimed in claim 17, wherein the composite laminate automotive part is an external automotive body part.

Claim 20 (Canceled).

Claim 21 (Previously Presented): The method as claimed in claim 17, further comprising:

after the coating and before the forming, cutting said sheet to form a sheet blank.